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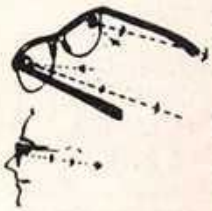

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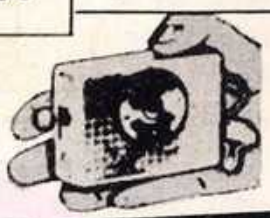

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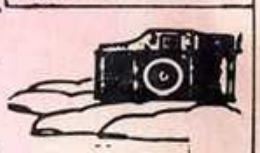

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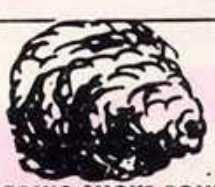

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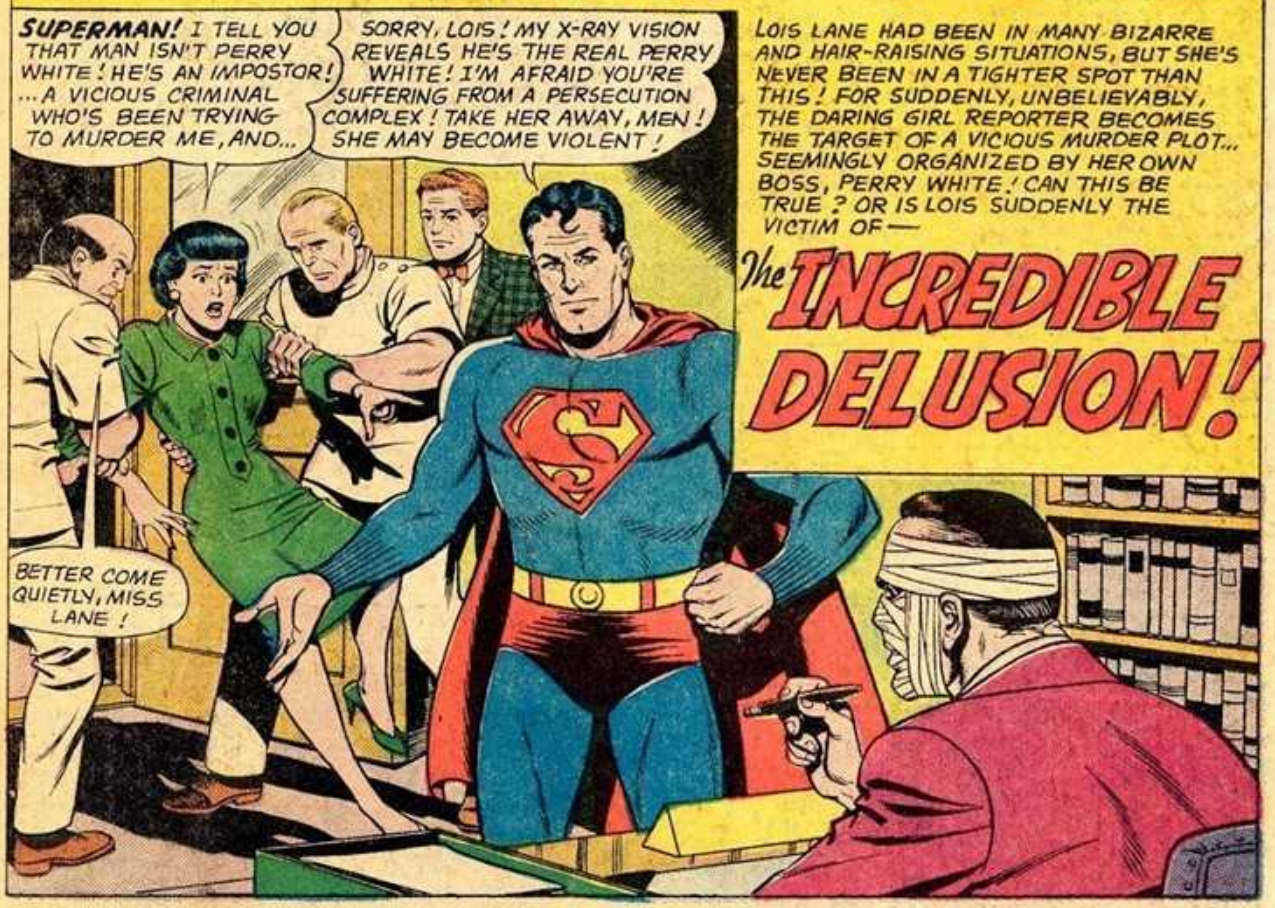
SUPERMAN! I TELL YOU THAT MAN ISN'T PERRY WHITE! HE'S AN IMPOSTOR! ...A VICIOUS CRIMINAL WHO'S BEEN TRYING TO MURDER ME, AND...
SORRY, LOIS! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS HE'S THE REAL PERRY WHITE! I'M AFRAID YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM A PERSECUTION COMPLEX! TAKE HER AWAY, MEN! SHE MAY BECOME VIOLENT!
BETTER COME QUIETLY, MISS LANE!

LOIS LANE HAD BEEN IN MANY BIZARRE AND HAIR-RAISING SITUATIONS, BUT SHE'S NEVER BEEN IN A TIGHTER SPOT THAN THIS! FOR SUDDENLY, UNBELIEVABLY, THE DARING GIRL REPORTER BECOMES THE TARGET OF A VICIOUS MURDER PLOT... SEEMINGLY ORGANIZED BY HER OWN BOSS, PERRY WHITE! CAN THIS BE TRUE? OR IS LOIS SUDDENLY THE VICTIM OF—

The INCREDIBLE DELUSION!

ONE DAY, IN THE PLANET OFFICE, AS LOIS PREPARES A CELEBRATION...
JIMMY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON AN OUT-OF-TOWN ASSIGNMENT WITH CLARK! AREN'T YOU BACK EARLY?
YEAH! WE COMPLETED THE STORY SO CLARK SAID HE COULD HANDLE THE REST OF IT HIMSELF! HEY! LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST IN TIME FOR A PARTY!
WELCOME BA PERRY WHIT
WHAT A SPREAD! CAKE, CANDY, PUNCH, EVEN CIGARS FOR THE BOYS!
WE'RE WELCOMING PERRY BACK FROM HIS VACATION! OH... HERE HE COMES NOW!

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WELCOME BACK, BOSS! ...ULP!... PERRY, THOSE BANDAGES ON YOUR FACE! WHAT HAPPENED?
ER...A HUNTING ACCIDENT, LOIS! I WAS HIT WITH A LOAD OF BUCKSHOT! I'LL HAVE TO WEAR THESE BANDAGES FOR A FEW MORE DAYS!

AS THE PARTY BEGINS, LOIS GETS ANOTHER SURPRISE...
NO, LOIS! NO CIGARS! ER... I'M HAVING A LITTLE THROAT TROUBLE!
ODD! I NEVER KNEW PERRY TO REFUSE A CORONA DE-LUXE BEFORE! AND HIS VOICE--IT'S SO HOARSE! IT JUST DOESN'T SOUND LIKE PERRY!
CORONA DE LUXE

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, LOIS' SUSPICIONS GROW, AS...
PERRY, AS SOON AS YOU HAVE A MOMENT, I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK OVER MY NOTES ON THAT BOXING SCANDAL STORY!
BOXING SCANDAL? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!

BOSS, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE "KANSAS KILLER"? I'M SUPPOSED TO TESTIFY AT HIS TRIAL NEXT WEEK! HE'S ACCUSED OF FIXING THE CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT!
OH...ER...YES...I REMEMBER IT NOW! ER...I'LL LOOK AT THOSE NOTES LATER! HERE, HAVE A DRINK OF PUNCH!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW PERRY COULD HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT STORY! HE WORKED ON IT WITH ME!

AS PERRY POURS...
JIMMY! THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON! HE JUST DOESN'T LOOK OR SOUND OR ACT LIKE PERRY! HE HASN'T EVEN TOUCHED A CIGAR! I THINK HE'S AN IMPOSTOR!
DON'T BE SILLY, LOIS! IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION!
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BUT AS LOIS IS ABOUT TO DRINK THE PUNCH THAT PERRY POURED...
NO, WAIT! PUT THAT GLASS DOWN! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE LIQUID IN THAT GLASS!

AN INSTANT LATER...
GULP! LOOK WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I POURED THAT DRINK PERRY GAVE YOU ON THE WINDOW SILL! THAT LIQUID ACTUALLY ATE AWAY THE STONE!
GASP! HE TRIED TO POISON ME! JIMMY, I TELL YOU HE'S NOT THE REAL PERRY WHITE! HE'S SOME MURDERER POSING AS THE BOSS!

YOU COULD BE RIGHT, LOIS! HMM... I'VE GOT A WAY TO CHECK IF HE'S THE REAL McCOY! PERRY WAS SUPPOSED TO SIGN THESE PAPERS...
A GOOD IDEA! GET HIS SIGNATURE, THEN WE CAN COMPARE IT TO OTHER SAMPLES OF PERRY'S HANDWRITING!

PRESENTLY, LOIS' SUSPICIONS SEEM CONFIRMED...
LOOK, LOIS! HIS SIGNATURE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THIS OLD SIGNATURE IN OUR FILES! HE'S A PHONEY... BUT WHO CAN HE BE?
GROAN! HE MUST BE ONE OF THE "KANSAS KILLER'S" GANG, OUT TO SILENCE ME SO I CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST HIM. SUMMON SUPERMAN WITH YOUR WATCH!
Perry White

IT'S NO USE! SUPERMAN IS ON A VITAL MISSION WITH BATMAN! BUT DON'T PANIC! WE'LL HAVE TO SMOKE THIS CHARACTER OUT BY OURSELVES!
"DON'T PANIC," HE SAYS! IT'S ME THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL... OKAY, JIMMY, I'LL KEEP MY GUARD UP UNTIL SUPERMAN COMES BACK!
ZEE-ZEE-ZEE

THAT NIGHT, LOIS' DREAMS ARE AFFECTED BY THE DAY'S EVENTS...
SO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO I REALLY AM, EH? VERY WELL! YOU ASKED FOR IT!
EEEKKK! THAT GHASTLY FACE! HE'S AN ALIEN FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD!

YES, I'M A SPY FROM THE PLANET SIRAX! I'M HERE TO TEST OUR WEAPONS ON YOU EARTHLINGS BEFORE WE INVADE YOUR WORLD! I'LL TRY THIS OXYGEN ABSORBER ON YOU!
AHGGG! I CAN'T BREATHE! GASP! GIVE ME AIR... AIR!

THE CHOKING SENSATION AWAKENS LOIS FROM HER FRIGHTENING DREAM...
;COUGH!; IT WAS JUST A NIGHTMARE!... BUT I STILL CAN'T BREATHE! THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF GAS IN THE ROOM!

KRASH!
GAS! IT'S POURING IN UNDER THE DOOR! I'LL SMASH THE WINDOW AND LET IN THE FRESH AIR! ;COUGH! COUGH!;

RECOVERING HER BREATH, LOIS INVESTIGATES...
A GAS BOMB! IT WAS LEFT JUST OUTSIDE MY DOOR! ;COUGH!; AND THAT UNLIT CIGAR-- IT'S PERRY'S BRAND! THE IMPOSTOR MUST'VE DROPPED IT!
SSSSS

AFTER SHUTTING OFF THE BOMB...
I COULD GO TO THE POLICE, BUT MY SISTER, LUCY, IS COMING HOME FOR HER BIRTHDAY TODAY! I CAN'T LET HER WORRY ABOUT THIS! I'LL COVER THIS BROKEN WINDOW WITH THE DRAPES!

PRESENTLY, AS AIRLINE STEWARDESS LUCY LANE RETURNS HOME...
HI, LOIS! LOOK AT ALL THESE GIFTS THE PILOTS AT THE AIRPORT GAVE ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
AND HERE'S ANOTHER GIFT FOR YOU, LUCY!
THANK HEAVENS SHE'S TOO EXCITED ABOUT HER BIRTHDAY TO NOTICE THOSE DRAPES I'VE GOT COVERING THE BROKEN WINDOW!

LATER THAT MORNING, LOIS ARRANGES A MEETING WITH JIMMY NOT FAR FROM THE PLANET OFFICE...
I KNOW IT WAS THAT IMPOSTOR WHO TRIED TO KILL ME WITH GAS FROM THIS CYLINDER! HE DROPPED A CIGAR NEARBY--PERRY'S BRAND!
RELAX, LOIS! IN MY DESK AT THE OFFICE, I HAVE A GADGET WHICH PROFESSOR POTTER GAVE ME! IT CAN PENETRATE ANY MASK AND REVEAL THE FACE OF THE PERSON BENEATH! I'LL USE IT TO DISCOVER THE IDENTITY OF THAT IMPOSTOR!

BY THE WAY, JIMMY, THAT GIFT SHOP REMINDS ME... WHAT ARE YOU GETTING LUCY FOR HER BIRTHDAY?
ER... SOME ROCK-AND-ROLL RECORDS! BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW! WE MUST FIND OUT WHO THAT KILLER IS!
YE OLDE GIFTE SHOPPE

SOON, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...
I NOTICE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SMOKING YOUR USUAL BRAND, BOSS! HERE, TRY AN EL ROPO!
THE RAT DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT JIMMY INJECTED THAT CIGAR WITH A KNOCK-OUT DRUG THAT WILL CAUSE HIM TO FALL ASLEEP WHILE HE TAKES HIS PICTURE WITH THE PENETROSCOPE!
THANKS, JIMMY!

AS THE DRUG TAKES EFFECT...
HOLY COW! ACCORDING TO THIS PICTURE I TOOK WITH THE PENETROSCOPE, THAT GUY IS THE KANSAS KILLER HIMSELF! I'LL GET RID OF THIS DOPED CIGAR BEFORE HE GETS UP!
SO I WAS RIGHT! THAT MURDERER WAS OUT TO GET ME! I KNEW IT COULDN'T BE PERRY!

THIS IS ALL THE EVIDENCE I NEED! I'LL TAKE IT TO THE POLICE! YOU STAY HERE SO THAT GOON WON'T GET SUSPICIOUS WHEN HE AWAKENS!
OKAY, BUT COME BACK SOON! REMEMBER, HE'S A PSYCHOPATHIC KILLER!

LATER, AS OLSEN RETURNS...
JIMMY! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE BACK! BUT WHERE ARE THE POLICE?
BUT WHY SHOULD I CALL THE POLICE, LOIS? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

NOW DON'T PLAY DUMB, JIMMY! YOU KNOW THE KANSAS KILLER IS MASQUERADING AS PERRY WHITE, AND THAT HE TRIED TO MURDER ME!
LOIS, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! I'D BETTER CALL SUPERMAN!
ZEE-ZEE-ZEE

AS SUPERMAN RESPONDS TO THE SUPERSONIC CALL...

SUPERMAN! BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! ONLY YESTERDAY, JIMMY SAID YOU WERE AWAY ON A VITAL MISSION WITH BATMAN AND WOULDN'T RESPOND TO HIS SIGNAL WATCH!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, SUPERMAN. SHE'S BEEN BABBLING ALL KINDS OF NONSENSE EVER SINCE I RETURNED HERE FROM MY OUT-OF-TOWN ASSIGNMENT!

BUT LOIS STUBBORNLY CLINGS TO HER STORY, AND...

THERE'S ONE FINAL PROOF OF MY STORY! UNWRAP THOSE BANDAGES AND YOU'LL FIND THAT THE MAN PRETENDING TO BE PERRY WHITE IS ACTUALLY THE "KANSAS KILLER"!
LOIS, HOW RIDICULOUS CAN YOU BE? I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHO I REALLY AM SO YOU CAN APOLOGIZE TO ME!

AS THE BANDAGES ARE REMOVED...

PERRY! THEN IT'S REALLY YOU! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! JIMMY'S PENETROSCOPE SHOWED YOU WERE THE "KANSAS KILLER!"
LOIS, YOU'RE NUTS! I'VE BEEN WEARING THESE BANDAGES ON DOCTOR'S ORDERS UNTIL MY FACE WAS COMPLETELY HEALED!
AND I DON'T OWN A "PENETROSCOPE"!

IT'S A HOAX! A HORRIBLE JOKE! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! OOHHH!
SHE FAINTED WITH HYSTERIA! JIMMY, BETTER CALL AN AMBULANCE! WITH ALL THOSE DELUSIONS SHE'S BEEN HAVING, IT SOUNDS LIKE LOIS COULD USE A REST IN THE SANITARIUM!

AND PRESENTLY...

POOR LOIS! SHE COULDN'T TAKE THE STRAIN OF THAT "KANSAS KILLER" CASE! NOW SHE CAN'T TESTIFY IN THAT BOXING "FIX" SCANDAL!
SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WITNESSED THE "KANSAS KILLER" BRIBING A REFEREE! HE'LL GO SCOTT-FREE WITHOUT HER TESTIMONY!

THE NEXT DAY, AT A PRIVATE REST HOME...

BUT WHY SHOULD JIMMY LIE LIKE THAT? HE KNOWS THE TRUTH! WHY DID HE DOUBLE-CROSS ME? HMM! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!.. YES, I THINK I SEE THE PICTURE NOW!

I'M SO DESPERATE, I MUST TAKE A CHANCE AND CALL PERRY! BUT PATIENTS ARE FORBIDDEN TO USE THE PHONE HERE... HMM! THAT SCRUB WOMAN IS HANGING AWAY HER WORK CLOTHES, AND HER PAIL AND MOP! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

DISGUISED AS THE SCRUBWOMAN, LOIS SLIPS INTO AN OFFICE AND PUTS THROUGH A CALL...
PERRY, I MUST SEE YOU! IF YOU EVER TRUSTED ME, PLEASE VISIT ME AT ONCE... AND BRING JIMMY!
I'LL HAVE A SURPRISE FOR PERRY WHEN HE GETS HERE!
WELL, OKAY LOIS! AS SOON AS JIMMY COMES BACK FROM HIS ASSIGNMENT, WE'LL VISIT YOU TOGETHER!

BUT AS PERRY HANGS UP...
THOSE STRANGE CLICKS! IT SOUNDS LIKE PERRY'S WIRES ARE TAPPED, AND...OH-OH! THOSE ATTENDANTS SPOTTED ME!
IT'S THAT LANE DAME! HOW'D SHE GET IN HERE?
CLICK
HUMMM

NO! I MUST GET BACK TO THE PHONE! THERE'S A BIG CONSPIRACY GOING ON! I MUST WARN PERRY!
MORE OF THOSE HALLUCINATIONS! WHAT A SHAME! SHE WAS A GREAT REPORTER!

LATER, AS PERRY AND JIMMY VISIT THE SANITARIUM...
PERRY, I'VE DONE YOU AN INJUSTICE! ACTUALLY, HE IS THE ATTEMPTED MURDERER!
ME? HOW CAN YOU ACCUSE ME? LOIS, YOU REALLY ARE OFF YOUR ROCKER!

YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR OF THE REAL OLSEN, AND I'LL PROVE IT! TELL ME, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING MY SISTER, LUCY, FOR HER BIRTHDAY?
ROCK-AND-ROLL RECORDS, WHAT ELSE? WHAT DOES THAT PROVE?

JUST THEN A DISHEVELED FIGURE CLIMBS THROUGH A WINDOW...
IT PROVES THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MY GIRL, LUCY LANE, YOU RAT! YOU HAD ME AMBUSHED ON THE WAY HERE AND NOW YOU'RE MASQUERADING AS ME!
IT'S A FRAME-UP. I'M THE REAL JIMMY OLSEN, AND...

AS THE TWO "JIMMIES" GRAPPLE...
IT'S "ARTIE THE ACTOR", ONE OF THE "KANSAS KILLER'S GANG! HE'S AN EXPERT ON DISGUISES!
EEG! HIS MAKEUP CAME OFF IN MY HAND!

BUT IN A LIGHTNING MOVE, THE CRIMINAL BREAKS FREE...
YEAH, IT'S ME! WE NEARLY GOT REVENGE AGAINST YOU WHEN YOU WERE ON YOUR HUNTING TRIP, WHITE, BUT WE ONLY SUCCEEDED IN WOUNDING YOU! WHEN WE REALIZED YOU WOULD BE WEARING A BANDAGE OVER YOUR FACE, IT INSPIRED ME TO DISGUISE MYSELF AS THE REAL OLSEN, WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN...
THEN IT WAS YOU WHO TRIED TO KILL ME WITH POISON AND GAS!

"I DIDN'T INTEND TO KILL YOU, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A NUT. I WOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU DRINK THE POISON. AS FOR THE GAS..."
THIS GAS IS HARMLESS...ALL IT WILL DO IS MAKE THAT LANE DAME COUGH! BUT SHE'LL THINK IT'S ANOTHER "MURDER ATTEMPT" OF PERRY WHITE'S--ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE SPOTS THIS CIGAR "CLUE" I'M PLANTING!
SSSSS

"BUT THAT PENETROSCOPE WAS MY CLEVEREST GAG!"
SO HE'S THE "KANSAS KILLER". I KNEW IT COULDN'T BE PERRY! WAIT TILL I TELL SUPERMAN!
SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE PENETROSCOPE IS A FAKE! THIS IS A PHOTO THAT THE REAL "KANSAS KILLER GAVE ME! HA! WHEN SUPERMAN HEARS HER STORY AND DISCOVERS THIS WAS PERRY ALL THE TIME, EVEN HE WILL THINK SHE'S CRAZY!

SPLIT SECONDS LATER...
I KNOW, JIMMY! I HEARD SOME OF THE CONVERSATION! I WAS ON MY WAY HERE WHEN I GOT YOUR DISTRESS SIGNAL... I'LL FIX EVERYTHING!
GRAB HIM, SUPERMAN! THAT MASQUERADING CROOK FRAMED LOIS SO SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE "KANSAS KILLER"!
BANG
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MOMENTS AFTERWARD, AT A DISTANT COURTHOUSE...
AND SINCE THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST MY CLIENT IS LOIS LANE, WHO IS NOW IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION, I MOVE THIS CASE BE DISMISSED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE!
ONE MOMENT, YOUR HONOR! THIS IS SUPERMAN TALKING BY MEANS OF SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM...
SUPERMAN! THIS IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR, BUT I'LL LISTEN!

THE "KANSAS KILLER" MUST NOT BE FREED! I HAVE EVIDENCE HE FRAMED THE CHIEF WITNESS, LOIS LANE! WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MOMENTS TO PROVE IT!
VERY WELL! I'LL DELAY THE TRIAL AND KEEP THE PRISONER IN CUSTODY!
LATER, AFTER THE CRIMINALS ARE TRIED AND CONVICTED...
I KNOW WHY I SEEMED LIKE AN IMPOSTOR TO YOU, LOIS! MY VOICE AND ACTIONS SEEMED STRANGE BECAUSE I WAS TAKING PAIN-KILLING DRUGS FOR MY GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THOSE DRUGS AFFECTED MY MEMORY, SO THAT I COULDN'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING CLEARLY.
AND ARTIE CONFESSED THAT HE PLANTED A PHONEY SIGNATURE ON SOME OF YOUR PAPERS TO CONVINCE ME YOU WERE A FAKE! AND YOUR VOICE SOUNDED STRANGE BECAUSE YOU HAD A COLD!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THE PHONEY JIMMY OLSEN WOULD TURN UP AT THE REST HOME WITH PERRY?
BECAUSE SUSPICIOUS NOISES ON THE PHONE REVEALED THE LINE WAS TAPPED! I KNEW THAT THE MASQUERADER WOULD TRY TO COME IN YOUR PLACE TO PREVENT THE TRUTH FROM LEAKING OUT!
THOSE CRIMINALS WERE IDIOTS TO THINK THEY COULD GET THE BEST OF LOIS LANE!
THEY PROVED SHE WAS CRAZY, ALL RIGHT! CRAZY LIKE A FOX!
THE END
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TAKING A LEAVE FROM HER JOB AS GIRL REPORTER, LOIS LANE JOINS OUR NATION'S **PEACE CORPS**... AND ACCEPTS AN ASSIGNMENT ABROAD. BUT IN THE REMOTE JUNGLE SHE ENCOUNTERS ONE OF THE MOST ASTOUNDING MIRACLE-WORKERS OF HER CAREER... A NATIVE WIZARD WITH INCREDIBLE SUPERNATURAL POWERS! IT'S A SPINE-TINGLING TRIP INTO THE UNKNOWN WHEN YOU SHARE--

"LOIS LANE'S JUNGLE JEOPARDY!"

WAHH! FIRE YOUR ARROWS AT ME, MY BROTHERS! THE MAGIC POWER OF MY AMULET WILL PROTECT ME!
GOOD GRIEF... AM I SEEING THINGS? THAT ARROW PASSED RIGHT THROUGH THAT WITCH DOCTOR! HIS MAGIC POWERS ARE EVEN GREATER THAN SUPERMAN'S!
Schaffenberger

ONE SUNNY NOON, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE SHOPS IN A METROPOLIS DEPARTMENT STORE...
THEY SAY LOIS LANE GOT A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE PLANET AND JOINED THE PEACE CORPS! SHE'S GOING TO TEACH SCHOOL IN THE JUNGLES OF SOUTH AMERICA!

THE NEXT DAY, AS PERRY WHITE BIDS LOIS "BON VOYAGE"...
REMEMBER, KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR STACE LORIN, THE JEWEL THIEF! HE DISAPPEARED INTO THE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLES RIGHT AFTER STEALING ANDREW RAND'S MILLION-DOLLAR EMERALD COLLECTION!
I'LL WATCH OUT FOR HIM, PERRY! MY PEACE CORPS JOB WILL MAKE A GOOD COVER-UP FOR MY ACTIVITIES AS A REPORTER!

WEEKS LATER, AFTER SWITCHING TO A RIVER BOAT, LOIS ARRIVES AT HER DESTINATION...
WELCOME, MISS LANE! WE PAINTED THESE SIGNS IN YOUR LANGUAGE TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME! I AM RICO, ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS!
THANK YOU, RICO! I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE!
WHAT A PRIMITIVE COUNTRY! IT WON'T BE EASY TO ADJUST TO LIFE IN THE JUNGLE!
WELCOME LOIS LANE

SOON AFTERWARD, AS RICO ESCORTS LOIS TO HER HUT...
EEEEEK! A SNAKE! GET IT OUT OF HERE!
THE REPTILE IS HARMLESS, MISS LANE! WE KEEP THEM IN OUR HUTS TO SCARE AWAY MICE!

LATER, AS SCHOOL OPENS, LOIS LEARNS OF ANOTHER STRANGE CUSTOM...
IT IS THE TRADITION HERE! ALL THE STUDENTS, YOUNG AND OLD, HAVE BROUGHT THESE JUNGLE BIRDS AS A GIFT OF WELCOME FOR YOU!
THANK YOU, RICO! I'M GRATEFUL! BUT IT'S WRONG TO KEEP THOSE BEAUTIFUL, WILD CREATURES IN CAGES!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I WILL TEACH IN OUR SCHOOL IS THE MEANING OF FREEDOM! TO ILLUSTRATE THIS, LET US OPEN THE CAGES AND FREE THE BIRDS!
YOU ARE RIGHT! WE WILL RELEASE THE BIRDS AS A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY!

SHORTLY, AT THE NOON HOUR...
FOR LUNCH WE EAT THE FRUIT THAT GROWS EVERYWHERE IN THE JUNGLE! WILL YOU JOIN US?
¡GASP!! IT'S A TROPICAL PARADISE!
I'LL TRY ONE OF THOSE COCOANUTS! BUT HOW DO I OPEN IT?

AT THAT MOMENT...
MAY I HELP YOU? I'M VAN COYLE! I'M A LANGUAGE EXPERT! I'M VISITING THIS AREA STUDYING THE NATIVE DIALECT FOR A DICTIONARY I'M WRITING!
AND I'M LOIS LANE, A TEACHER IN THE PEACE CORPS! I COULD USE SOME ASSISTANCE WITH THIS COCOANUT!
HMM... THIS PEACE CORPS WORK SURE HAS ITS ATTRACTIONS!

AS THE HANDSOME STRANGER OPENS THE COCOANUT WITH A BORROWED MACHETE, SUDDENLY...
EEEEE! AN ALLIGATOR! RICO! WATCH OUT!

BUT IN THE NEXT STARTLING MOMENT...
THIS IS FANTASTIC! RICO POINTED SOME KIND OF CHARM TOWARD THAT ALLIGATOR AND THAT SAVAGE CREATURE RETREATED IN FEAR!
I'VE SEEN THOSE AMULETS BEFORE! THE NATIVES BUY THEM FROM A BRUJO--A NATIVE WITCH-DOCTOR! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO WARD OFF DANGER AND BRING GOOD LUCK!

SPEAKING OF GOOD LUCK, I'D NO IDEA THE PEACE CORPS HAD SUCH PRETTY GIRLS! I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE SIGHTS OF THIS AREA, MISS LANE!
WHY, THANK YOU! I'LL HAVE SOME FREE TIME AFTER SCHOOL, MR. COYLE!
HE'S SO HANDSOME! AND HE SEEMS TO HAVE A CRUSH ON ME! SIGH!

LATER THAT DAY, AS LOIS IS ESCORTED THROUGH THE JUNGLE...
LOOK! A GIANT CONDOR! IT'S SWOOPING DOWN TOWARD THAT CHILD!
GASP! THE CHILD'S MOTHER IS DRIVING THAT CONDOR AWAY BY SIMPLY WAVING ONE OF THOSE WEIRD AMULETS AT HIM! IT'S INCREDIBLE!

IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
I'LL GET THAT FEATHERED DEVIL!
BANG BANG
YOU MUST HAVE MISSED HIM! HE'S FLYING AWAY!
GULP! HE HAD THAT SMALL PISTOL HIDDEN IN HIS POCKET! HMM...

VAN! WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY A LANGUAGE EXPERT NEEDS TO CARRY A GUN?
LOIS, I'M GOING TO TRUST YOU WITH A VITAL SECRET! I'M AN AGENT FOR INTERPOL, THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ORGANIZATION! I'VE TRAILED STACE LORIN, THE WANTED JEWEL THIEF, TO THIS AREA!
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I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, VAN! I'M A NEWSPAPER REPORTER WORKING UNDERCOVER AS A TEACHER! I'M AFTER LORIN, TOO! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HIDING SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!
¡GULP!¡ THIS COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR YOU, LOIS!

LORIN IS A DESPERATE CRIMINAL! IF YOU LOCATE HIM, PLEASE TELL ME AT ONCE! I WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO YOU, MY DEAR...
SORRY, VAN! MY ASSIGNMENT COMES FIRST! I'LL TURN LORIN OVER TO YOU AFTER I WRITE MY STORY!
HA! HE'S MAKING UP TO ME JUST TO STEER ME AWAY FROM THAT CROOK HE'S TRAILING!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, COYLE GROWS EVEN MORE ATTENTIVE...
OH, LOIS! WOULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT? I NEED A FAVOR!
CERTAINLY!
MMMM...

THANK YOU, LOIS!... RICO, BACK IN MY COUNTRY WE CALL THAT A KISS! WHAT DO YOU CALL IT IN YOUR LANGUAGE? I WANT TO WRITE THE TRANSLATION IN MY DICTIONARY!
HMM...HE KISSED ME AS IF HE MEANT IT, EVEN IF IT WAS FOR HIS DICTIONARY! MAYBE I'VE BEEN WASTING MY LIFE CHASING AFTER SUPERMAN! ...¡SIGH!¡...VAN'S PROBABLY JUST TRYING TO KEEP MY MIND OFF THAT CROOK, STACE LORIN!

WAIT! I'VE BEEN SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT THAT JEWEL THIEF THAT I'VE PASSED UP THE HOTTEST STORY OF MY CAREER...A WITCH-DOCTOR WHOSE MAGIC NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN! I'LL ASK RICO WHERE TO FIND THIS WEIRD CHARACTER!

PRESENTLY...
IT IS FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK OF THE BRUJO! BUT SINCE YOU ARE A FRIEND... HIS NAME IS KIRU! I HEAR TONIGHT HE IS TO PERFORM MAGIC FEATS AT THE RIVER BANK!
THANKS, RICO
I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS A NATIVE GIRL AND ATTEND THE CEREMONIES! IF I CAN EXPOSE HIS "MAGIC", I'LL WRITE AN EYE-WITNESS REPORT!

BUT THAT NIGHT, AS LOIS SLIPS FROM HER HUT, IN DISGUISE...
ER...VAN! THAT WITCH-DOCTOR IS HOLDING SOME KIND OF RITUAL CEREMONY TONIGHT! I PUT ON THIS NATIVE COSTUME SO I COULD WATCH WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!
I WON'T LET YOU GO ALONE, LOIS! WAIT HERE FOR ME! I'M GOING TO PUT ON A DISGUISE, TOO!
PRESENTLY, AT THE EDGE OF A JUNGLE GLADE...
THERE'S THAT BRUJO WITCH-DOCTOR WHO CALLS HIMSELF KIRU! I'LL WATCH THE CEREMONY WITH THESE BINOCULARS!
AS THE BRUJO STEPS FORWARD...
BEHOLD, MY BROTHERS! I WILL SHOW YOU HOW MY MAGIC TALISMAN PROTECTS ME FROM ALL HARM! WAH! I WILL SMEAR MY ARMS WITH HONEY AND THEN STRIKE THE NEST OF THE NEEDLE WASPS WHICH IS ABOVE ME!
GREAT HEAVENS! THE BITE OF A NEEDLE WASP IS MORE DEADLY THAN A BLACK WIDOW SPIDER! YET HE DOESN'T REACT TO THEIR STING! IS THE AMULET PROTECTING HIM?
HE'S A PHONEY, VAN! HE MUST BE USING SOME KIND OF NATIVE INSECT REPELLANT!
BUT MOMENTS AFTERWARD, THE BRUJO PERFORMS A MORE STARTLING FEAT...
WAH! WITH THE POWER OF HIS AMULET, KIRU WALKS ON THE LIVE COALS UNHARMED!
;BAH!; THAT WITCH-DOCTOR MIGHT HAVE DIPPED HIS FEET IN SOME ASBESTOS-LIKE CHEMICAL THAT RESISTS HEAT AND FIRE!
THEN, MOST AMAZING OF ALL...
AND NOW, THE GREATEST TEST OF ALL! LET THE STRONGEST BOWMAN SHOOT AN ARROW AT MY HEART...AND MY AMULET WILL PROTECT ME!
HE'S PROBABLY WEARING SOME KIND OF ARMOR UNDER THOSE CLOTHES!
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A SPLIT SECOND LATER...
YE GODS! THAT ARROW MUST HAVE GONE RIGHT THROUGH HIM WITHOUT HURTING HIM! GASP! NOT EVEN SUPERMAN HIMSELF HAS THAT KIND OF INVULNERABILITY! MAYBE THOSE AMULETS WORK AFTER ALL!
AS THE CEREMONY ENDS...
VAN!... HE'S VANISHED INTO THE NIGHT! OH-OH! HE DROPPED HIS DICTIONARY! I'LL RETURN IT WHEN I SEE HIM! HMM... WONDER WHERE HE WENT?
A GOOD QUESTION, LOIS! FOR AT THAT MOMENT VAN COYLE IS IN THE WITCH-DOCTOR'S HUT, WHERE...
YOU WISH TO BUY AMULET! BAH! YOUR DISGUISE DOES NOT DECEIVE ME! I SELL THESE MAGIC PIECES ONLY TO MY PEOPLE!
LOOK, KIRU! I WILL GIVE YOU GOLD! YOU COULD BUY MANY WONDERFUL THINGS WITH IT!
WUH! KIRU WILL TAKE WHITE MAN'S GOLD! HERE IS MAGIC TALISMAN! TAKE IT AND GO!
HA! THIS WEIRD AMULET WILL PROTECT ME FROM ALL HARM! NOW I CAN LEAVE MY HIDING PLACE IN THIS STEAMING JUNGLE AND GO BACK TO CIVILIZATION! AND THE POLICE CAN'T DO A THING TO ME!
SOON AFTERWARD, NEAR A JUNGLE CLIFF...
THAT FOOL DAME, LOIS LANE, WOULD FLIP IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT THAT HER ADMIRER, VAN COYLE IS REALLY STACE LORIN, THE JEWEL THIEF! HA, HA! NOW TO DIG UP THE RAND EMERALDS AND TAKE OFF!
BUT JUST THEN, A PICTURESQUE FIGURE SWOOPS THROUGH THE NIGHT...
IT'S SUPERMAN! HE TRACKED ME DOWN! BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! THIS MAGIC TALISMAN WILL PROTECT ME!
THAT AMULET IS A FAKE, LORIN! I TRACED YOU DOWN HERE AND USED A WITCH-DOCTOR'S DISGUISE TO SELL YOU THAT PHONEY CHARM! I KNEW YOU'D DIG UP THESE EMERALDS AS SOON AS YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SAFE FROM ARREST!

BUT AS SUPERMAN APPROACHES THE JEWELS!
OHHH! THE PAIN! I CAN'T MOVE! ;GROAN!:
IT WORKS! THE AMULET WORKS! IT EVEN PROTECTED ME AGAINST YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

NO...IT'S NOT YOUR AMULET HURTING ME... IT'S THOSE GREEN KRYPTONITE METEOR FRAGMENTS... THEY LOOK LIKE THE EMERALDS YOU DUG UP... OH... I'M IN AGONY...
HAVE IT YOUR WAY, BUT THAT CHARM BROUGHT ME LUCK! WASN'T IT LUCK THAT I ACCIDENTALLY UNCOVERED THOSE KRYPTONITE PIECES WHEN I DUG FOR THE EMERALDS? THEIR POISON RAYS WILL FINISH YOU OFF WHILE I MAKE MY GETAWAY!

BUT INSTEAD OF FLEEING, LORIN HASTENS TO THE WITCH-DOCTOR'S HUT...
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! LOIS MUST BE WORKING WITH SUPERMAN! I'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF HER BEFORE I LEAVE! I'LL DON SUPERMAN'S WITCH-DOCTOR DISGUISE AND CATCH HER OFF-GUARD!

MEANWHILE, LOIS HAS DISCARDED HER NATIVE COSTUME, AND WHEN THE FAKE WITCH-DOCTOR ARRIVES...
WAH! ME KIRU! ME BRING FINE GIFT FOR THE NEW TEACHER!
OH, THANK YOU, KIRU! WHAT IS IT...ONE OF YOUR AMULETS?

NO! IT'S A BULLET, YOU NOSEY DOUBLE-CROSSER!
NOW TO MAKE MY GETAWAY ON THE NEXT BOAT!
UHHH!
BANG!

AFTER REMOVING HIS DISGUISE, LORIN BOOKS PASSAGE, BUT AS HE BOARDS SHIP...
SUPERMAN! LOIS LANE!
SURPRISED TO SEE US, EH, LORIN?
BOTH ALIVE AND SAFE! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

YES, LORIN, YOU LEFT ME TO DIE FROM THE EFFECTS OF GREEN KRYPTONITE, BUT RICO, HERE, FOUND ME IN TIME AND SAVED MY LIFE!
AS FOR ME, YOUR BULLET WOULD HAVE KILLED ME, BUT IT STRUCK YOUR PHONEY DICTIONARY WHICH I HAD FOUND AND PUT IN MY SHIRT POCKET!

IT'S A HOAX! MY AMULET WILL PROTECT ME! I SAW ITS MAGIC WORK! IT NEVER FAILS!
NO, LORIN! I DID IT ALL WITH MY SUPER-POWERS! IT WAS MY HEAT VISION THAT SAVED RICO FROM THE ALLIGATOR!

"LATER, AS I SCOUTED OVER THE JUNGLE DISGUISED AS A GIANT CONDOR, I PRETENDED TO BE FRIGHTENED AWAY BY ANOTHER AMULET..."
THAT WOMAN THINKS I'M MENACING HER CHILD AND THAT I'M BEING DRIVEN AWAY BY MAGIC! LUCKILY I'M INVULNERABLE, OR THOSE BULLETS FROM LORIN'S GUN WOULD SHOOT ME DOWN!

"LATER, DISGUISED AS A BRUJO, MY INVULNERABILITY PROTECTED ME AGAINST THE FIERY COALS AND THE NEEDLE WASPS! AS FOR THE ARROW THAT SEEMED TO GO THROUGH ME..."
THAT ARROW IS AIMED AT MY HEART, BUT I'LL BLOW IT OFF COURSE TOO SWIFTLY TO BE SEEN! THEN, WHEN I STEP ASIDE, THEY'LL SEE A DUPLICATE ARROW STUCK IN THE TREE WHERE I PLACED IT BEFORE THE CEREMONY BEGAN! THEY'LL BELIEVE AN ARROW PASSED THROUGH MY BODY!

AND NOW, GOODBYE, LOIS! I HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TAKE LORIN BACK FOR TRIAL! I'LL FILE YOUR STORY WITH PERRY!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN! TELL PERRY I'LL BE BACK WHEN MY LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS UP! THERE'S A JOB TO BE DONE OUT HERE!

AND NOW WE MUST GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND TELL YOUR PEOPLE THAT THOSE AMULETS ARE WORTHLESS!
¡BAH! WE HAVE NO NEED OF A CHARM TO PROTECT US FROM HARM AND EVIL! AFTER ALL, WE HAVE SUPERMAN TO GUARD US!
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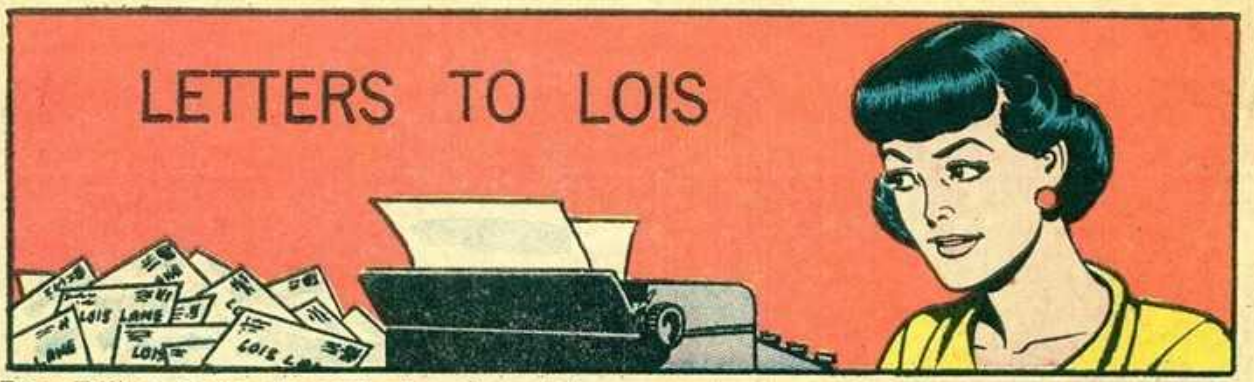

Dear Editor: I was shocked when I read the very first "Letter to Lois" reprinted in your LOIS LANE Annual No. 2, which stated that SUPERMAN can't trust Lois with the secret of his identity because she might "inadvertently" reveal it to someone else. Well, in all those years when Clark Kent lived in Smallville with his foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, did they ever "inadvertently" let the secret slip? —Michael H. McCowan, Jackson, Miss.

(Ma and Pa Kent let the cat out of the bag on a number of occasions, jeopardizing SUPERBOY's great secret. Only super-good luck and super-ingenuity on his part saved the day. Having learned a lesson from these narrow escapes, SUPERMAN has chosen to remain mum. To quote an old maxim: "A secret remains a secret between two people only when one of them is dead."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I believe someone goofed in the story, "The Girl Who Mourned for Superman." In this tale, how could the Superman Emergency Squad extricate Superman's body from the liquified Kryptonite when they were from Krypton? —Robert LaRoche, Westbrook, Maine.

(Obviously, the stuff had evaporated by the time they reached the scene, inasmuch as liquid Kryptonite is highly volatile.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've finally found a mistake in one of your magazines! In the recent story, "The Murder of Lana Lang", in which Lois supposedly kills Lana, the District Attorney exhibits a card which classifies Lana's blood type as Type O. However, in a story you published two years ago, "The Day Superman Married Lana Lang", Lana's blood is given as Type A. What's your explanation? A wisecrack is acceptable. —Jerry Sankey, Escondido, Calif.

(It was a type-O-graphical error!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I very much enjoyed the story, "The Murder of Lana Lang", except for one error. You show Lori, the mermaid, out of water. How can this be when, in past issues, we have been told that people of Atlantis cannot survive out of water? Don't try to squeeze out of this one by saying that Lori was a robot. —Jim Lawson, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(Who told you Atlanteans cannot survive out of water? They can stay out of water for brief intervals and function almost normally, as do many amphibians. This fact was established in the first story which introduced Lori, "The Girl in Superman's Past."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: We all know that Lois' eyes are brown, Superman's blue, and Perry's gray. But what color are Lana's eyes? I get the impression in some stories they are green, in others that they are blue. Which is correct? I hope they are green because a green-eyed red-head is beautiful. —Gary Price, Amarillo, Texas.

(Lana's eyes are emerald-green. When she cries, or is emotionally upset, they change to violet. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Isn't it time to give us a three-part novel in LOIS LANE? You've published some terrific 3-parters in SUPERMAN and SUPERBOY. So how about it? —Lane Tyson, Audubon, Texas.

(Your request is granted—in the very next issue! It will feature a novel in which Lois goes back into the past and has romantic adventures in three time periods. We think you'll best enjoy the episode in which Lois re-enacts the part of Cinderella and Lana Lang is depicted as one of her cruel step-sisters.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You asked some time back if it was Lois or Lana who would be willing to marry Superman if he had lost his super-powers. Well, I think the question has already been answered. I refer readers to the great novel, "The Story of Superman-Red and Superman-Blue", which you published in SUPERMAN Magazine not long ago. In this story Lois sacrifices everything—her job, her friends, etc., to marry Superman-Red and live with him on New Krypton, where he would have NO super-powers. Doesn't this prove she loves Superman for himself, and not because he has those razzle-dazzle powers? —Patty M. Martin, New York, N. Y.

(Don't suck us into this controversy. We choose to remain neutral. However, we wonder if you read "The Sweetheart Superman Forgot", in SUPERMAN No. 165? In this story a girl, Sally Selwyn, fell in love with Clark Kent, never dreaming he was secretly Superman. If you missed this great yarn, watch forthcoming issues of SUPERMAN for a sequel.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You once gave us a story in which SUPERGIRL tries to play Cupid and get SUPERMAN to marry Lois. Well, Supergirl's clever little scheme fizzled. So why doesn't SUPERGIRL play fair and help Lana hook SUPERMAN? —Sandy T. Fox, Great Neck, N. Y.

(SUPERGIRL is a good sport, so of course, she'll go to bat for Lana in a future story. This will prove we don't play favorites!—Ed.)

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

THIS IS IT! IF THESE SHARP SCISSORS ARE UNABLE TO CUT THROUGH A LOCK OF LOIS' HAIR, IT WILL PROVE, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT LOIS LANE IS THE SECRET IDENTITY OF KRYPTON GIRL!
FOR YEARS, GIRL REPORTER LOIS LANE HAS PLAYED THE ROLE OF AN ORDINARY EARTH-BOUND MORTAL WHILE SUPERMAN STREAKS THROUGH THE UNIVERSE PERFORMING ONE STARTLING SUPER-DEED AFTER ANOTHER! WELL, IT'S TIME FOR A SWITCH. FOR IN THIS STORY WE SEE LOIS AS A LOVELY SUPER-MAID WHOSE DYNAMIC POWERS MAKE HER EARTH'S GREATEST HEROINE. YOU'RE IN FOR A SHOCK A SECOND WHEN YOU READ —
The SUPER-LIFE of LOIS LANE!
Scheffenberger
DARN IT! HERE COMES THAT PEST, CLARK KENT, AGAIN, WITH ANOTHER TEST TO TRY AND PROVE I'M KRYPTON GIRL! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO THINK FAST, OR MY SECRET IDENTITY WON'T BE SECRET MUCH LONGER!
OUT
LOIS LANE

WHILE ON A WINTER VACATION, REPORTER LOIS LANE KEEPS A MOUNTAIN-TOP RENDEZVOUS...
S-SUPERMAN! YOU PROMISED TO TAKE ME TO YOUR FORTRESS TO SHOW ME YOUR LATEST TROPHIES! B-BUT YOU'RE AN HOUR LATE! I'M N-NEARLY F-FROZEN!
SORRY, LOIS, BUT I WAS DELAYED ON A MISSION! I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU BY TREATING YOU TO A FASCINATING EXPERIENCE!

SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS TO HIS HEADQUARTERS, WHERE...
I'LL BE BUSY ON SOME EXPERIMENTS! MEANWHILE, STUDY THIS SUPER-COMPUTER! IT CAN SOLVE ANY PROBLEM FOR YOU! JUST LEARN THOSE INSTRUCTIONS!
HMM! I SIMPLY FEED THE VITAL FACTS INTO THE MACHINE AND TYPE OUT THE PROBLEM ON THE INSTRUCTION TAPE! THE DEVICE DOES THE REST!

AS SUPERMAN LEAVES...
THERE'S ONE QUESTION THAT HAS ALWAYS INTRIGUED ME! FIRST I'LL FEED MY PRESS CARD INTO THE COMPUTER! MY PHOTO AND THE OTHER INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE THE FACTORS IT NEEDS TO SOLVE THE SUPER-PROBLEM!
NOW FOR THE BIG QUESTION! I'LL TYPE IT ON THE INSTRUCTION SHEET! THE SCREEN ABOVE IT WILL SHOW ME THE ANSWER!
WHAT WOULD LOIS LANE'S OTHER LIFE HAVE BEEN LIKE IF SHE, INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN, HAD COME TO EARTH FROM KRYPTON?
AS LOIS PRESSES THE BUTTON ACTIVATING THE SUPER-COMPUTER...
THAT GIRL IN THE SUPER-COSTUME... SHE'S STREAKING DOWN PAST THE DAILY PLANET BUILDING! GASP! SHE RESEMBLES ME STRANGELY! I WONDER IF...
DAILY PLANET
SUDDENLY THE MACHINE FLASHES AN ANSWER TO LOIS' UNSPOKEN QUESTION...
ATTENTION! YOU ARE NOW VIEWING KRYPTON GIRL AS SHE RETURNS FROM A VITAL MISSION AND RESUMES HER SECRET IDENTITY AS REPORTER, LOIS LANE!
HMM... ACCORDING TO THE COMPUTER, IF I CAME FROM KRYPTON, I'D BE CALLED KRYPTON GIRL AND WORK AT THE DAILY PLANET IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF LOIS LANE!
HIDING HER SUPER-COSTUME, LOIS REPORTS TO THE PLANET OFFICE, WHERE...
QUITE A LONG LUNCH HOUR, LOIS! WHILE YOU WERE OUT, THE RADIO REPORTED THAT KRYPTON-GIRL PREVENTED A TRAIN WRECK! ODD, HOW YOU'RE NEVER AROUND WHEN KRYPTON GIRL IS IN ACTION!
WHEN WILL YOU STOP TRYING TO PROVE I'M KRYPTON GIRL, CLARK?
LOIS LANE
ALL RIGHT, LOIS! I DARE YOU TO LET ME TRY TO CUT YOUR HAIR! SINCE KRYPTON GIRL IS INVULNERABLE, HER HAIR CAN'T BE CUT!
I'LL TAKE THAT DARE!
HMM... ACCORDING TO THE COMPUTER, IF I WERE KRYPTON GIRL, CLARK KENT WOULD SUSPECT I'M SUPER, JUST AS I SUSPECT HE IS SUPERMAN!

AS THE COMPUTER MACHINE PROCEEDS TO SHOW HOW LOIS WOULD PROTECT HER SECRET IDENTITY...

I MUST ACT FAST! I'LL CONCENTRATE MY HEAT VISION ON THE SCREW THAT HOLDS THE SCISSOR BLADES! THE HEAT WILL FUSE THE SCREW AND THE BLADES TOGETHER, AND A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH WILL COOL IT!

HEY! SOMETHING'S WRONG! I CAN'T OPEN OR CLOSE THE SCISSORS!.. YOU MUST HAVE PULLED SOME CLEVER TRICK! LOIS, WAIT! LET'S TRY IT WITH A KNIFE!

OH, **CLARK!** I DON'T HAVE ANY PATIENCE FOR THAT RIDICULOUS NONSENSE! I'M GOING DOWN TO THE PRESS-ROOM!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS CLARK AND LOIS COVER AN ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER...

PERRY ASKED US TO WRITE A FEATURE ON THESE NEW BURGLAR-PROOF VAULTS, LOIS! I TOLD THE WAREHOUSE OWNER I'D LOCK UP AFTER WE TOOK SOME PICTURES!

THOSE DOORS ARE MADE OF THE HARDEST METAL KNOWN! THEY'RE A SAFE-CRACKER'S NIGHTMARE!

BUT AS THEY STEP INSIDE THE VAULT...

GOOD GRIEF! MY SLEEVE CAUGHT ON THE VAULT DOOR AND SLAMMED IT SHUT!

A LIKELY STORY! THAT WAS NO ACCIDENT! I'M SURE I SAW HIM CLOSE THE DOOR DELIBERATELY, AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!

KLICKK

THIS IS AWFUL! THERE'S NO ALARM SYSTEM INSIDE THE VAULT! WE'LL USE UP THE OXYGEN AND SUFFOCATE BEFORE THEY RESCUE US!

WHAT AN ACT! CLARK IS TRYING TO FORCE ME TO REVEAL MY **KRYPTON GIRL** IDENTITY! BUT SINCE HE CAN'T BE **SURE** I'M SUPER, HE MUST'VE TAKEN SOME SAFETY PRECAUTIONS!

AH-HA! MY X-RAY VISION DETECTS A MINIATURE RADIO AND A SPECIALLY SHAPED OXYGEN TANK UNDER CLARK'S JACKET! SO HE WANTS TO PLAY TRICKS, EH?

I'LL SCARE HIM BY PUTTING ON THE PANIC ACT!
HMM... IF SHE'S KRYPTON GIRL, WHY IS SHE GETTING SO UPSET? MAYBE I'VE BEEN WRONG ABOUT HER! I'D BETTER RELEASE SOME OXYGEN!
HELP! HELP! LET ME OUT OF HERE! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

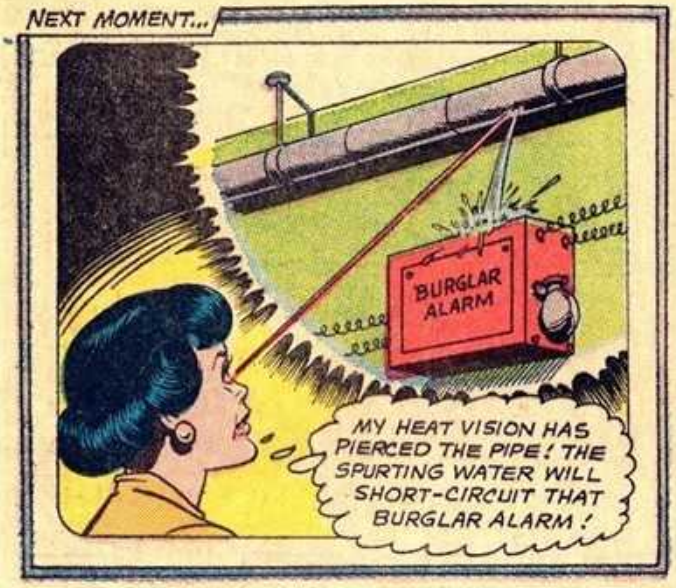
AS LOIS PRETENDS TO BLACK OUT...
LOIS! SPEAK TO ME!
I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON HE WON'T FORGET! I'LL SLIP MY HAND SUPER-GENTLY UNDER HIS JACKET...
...AND SQUEEZE THE VALVE OF HIS OXYGEN TANK SHUT WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH! THEN I'LL...

SOON...
I CAN'T REVIVE HER! SHE NEEDS AIR! I'LL OPEN THIS OXYGEN TANK AND...ULP!! THE VALVE IS JAMMED! IT CAN'T OPEN!

LUCKY I HAVE THIS MINIATURE WALKIE-TALKIE WITH ME! IT'S TUNED TO THE POLICE RADIO FREQUENCY! I'LL ALERT THEM NOW!
CLARK KENT CALLING METROPOLIS POLICE... CALLING POLICE HEADQUARTERS! DO YOU READ ME?
HA, HA! I SNEAKED THESE TRANSISTORS OUT OF THAT RADIO SO SUPER-GENTLY, HE NEVER FELT IT!

AS THE RADIO FAILS TO WORK...
CALLING THE METROPOLIS POLICE! THIS IS CLARK KENT! WE'RE SEALED IN A VAULT... ANSWER ME, PLEASE!
I'D BETTER GET THESE TRANSISTORS OUT OF SIGHT! I'LL JUST EAT THEM! THE GROUND GLASS IS HARMLESS TO ME!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER...
THE RADIO WON'T WORK! HELP! HELP! DOESN'T ANYONE HEAR ME OUT THERE? YOU CAN'T LET US DIE IN HERE!
HA, HA! I'D BETTER SEE ABOUT GETTING US OUT OF HERE BEFORE POOR CLARK BLOWS HIS STACK COMPLETELY!
BAM!
BAM
BAM!


NEXT MOMENT...
BURGLAR ALARM
MY HEAT VISION HAS PIERCED THE PIPE! THE SPURTING WATER WILL SHORT-CIRCUIT THAT BURGLAR ALARM!

MOMENTS LATER, THE WAREHOUSE DOORS BURST OPEN.
BRANNNGGGG!
THAT VAULT! IT'S CLOSED! WE BETTER CHECK TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYONE LOCKED INSIDE!

AFTER THE RESCUE...
IT WAS A MIRACLE, MISS LANE! IF THAT LEAKING PIPE HADN'T SHORT-CIRCUITED THE BURGLAR ALARM, WE'D NEVER HAVE SAVED YOU!
HMM...IF LOIS WERE KRYPTON GIRL, SHE COULD HAVE DRILLED THAT HOLE IN THAT PIPE WITH HER HEAT VISION!

AND THAT VALVE ON MY OXYGEN TANK! ONLY SOMEONE WITH SUPER-STRENGTH COULD HAVE FLATTENED IT LIKE THAT!
I CAN SEE BY THE LOOK ON CLARK'S FACE HE STILL SUSPECTS ME! IT'S NO USE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET HIM OUT OF MY HAIR!

THE NEXT DAY, IN THE PLANET OFFICE...
HERE'S MY RESIGNATION, PERRY! I'M QUITTING BECAUSE I'M SICK OF CLARK'S ALWAYS TRYING TO PROVE I'M KRYPTON GIRL! HE'S BECOME A PEST!
GOOD GRIEF! IN THIS SUPER-LIFE I QUIT THE PLANET! HMM...THEN IF CLARK KENT IS ACTUALLY SUPERMAN, MY HOUNDING MAY FORCE HIM TO QUIT HIS JOB AS REPORTER SOME DAY!

AS THE COMPUTER PROJECTS THE NEXT EXPERIENCE IN THE LIFE OF "SUPER-LOIS"...
SO REMEMBER, FOLKS, BOBRICK'S PUMPERNICKEL BUILDS YOUR BODY TWENTY DIFFERENT WAYS...
ACCORDING TO THE COMPUTER, AFTER I LEFT THE PLANET I GOT A NEW JOB...DOING COMMERCIALS AT A METROPOLIS TV STATION!

I FEEL SILLY READING THESE COMMERCIALS! BUT WITH THE COMMUNICATION SET-UP IN THIS TV STATION I CAN WATCH FOR ANY EMERGENCY! BESIDES, THERE'S NO CLARK KENT HERE TO PESTER ME!

CHILDREN CRY FOR BOBRICK'S PUMPERNICKEL

BUT THE NEXT DAY... PERRY FIRED **ME** BECAUSE I MADE YOU QUIT! SO I GOT A JOB AS NEWS EDITOR ON THIS STATION! GLAD WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN, LOIS?

ULP!! CLARK KENT! WHAT ARE **YOU** DOING HERE?

WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN! OH, NO! THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR FLESH AND BLOOD TO BEAR!

I'LL BET I KNOW WHAT MAKES HER SO JITTERY! HA, HA! SHE'S AFRAID I'M CLOSING IN ON HER **KRYPTON GIRL** IDENTITY!

THAT EVENING, ON THE NEWS TICKER...

ATTENTION, KRYPTON GIRL! COAST GUARD REPORTS PASSENGER LINER SINKING ON SKULL REEF! HUNDREDS IN DANGER! PLEASE REPORT TO SCENE AT ONCE!

OH-OH! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY ONLY **KRYPTON GIRL** CAN HANDLE! LOIS WILL **HAVE** TO GO INTO ACTION NOW!

PRESENTLY, NEAR A MONITOR SCREEN...

OUR MOBILE TV NEWS UNIT IS RELAYING PICTURES OF THE DISASTER FROM A PLANE! LOIS IS BESIDE ME! IF SHE TRIES TO SLIP AWAY AND SWITCH TO **KRYPTON GIRL**, I'LL BE RIGHT ON HER HEELS!

BUT AN INSTANT LATER... HOLY HAT! IT'S **KRYPTON GIRL!** SHE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, AND NOW SHE'S LIFTING THAT SHIP OFF THE REEF AND CARRYING IT TO SAFETY!

AS THE DRAMA ENDS...

HOW COULD LOIS BE IN THE STUDIO AND YET SAVE THAT SHIP AS **KRYPTON GIRL?** COULD I BE WRONG ABOUT HER OTHER IDENTITY, OR...

CLARK IS WONDERING HOW THAT RESCUE WAS ACCOMPLISHED. HA, HA! I'M JUST FINDING OUT MYSELF!

AT THAT MOMENT LOIS IS RECEIVING A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE FROM **LORI,** THE MERMAID OF ATLANTIS...

LOIS, YOU WERE BEING MONITORED BY THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** AND THE **LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES!** THEY OBSERVED YOUR PREDICAMENT FROM THE FUTURE.

"THEY ALERTED **NIGHT-GIRL** AND **SENT** HER TO YOUR ASSISTANCE!"

LOIS IS UNDER OBSERVATION AND CANNOT SWITCH TO HER **KRYPTON GIRL** IDENTITY! HERE, PUT ON THIS COPY OF HER UNIFORM AND A SPACE HELMET AND HURRY TO THE 20TH CENTURY TO TAKE HER PLACE!

FORTUNATELY I HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH **ONLY** AT NIGHT, SO I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP THAT SINKING SHIP!

LATER, AFTER THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED, LOIS SWITCHES TO **KRYPTON GIRL** AND STREAKS TO A REMOTE CORNER OF A SHIPYARD, WHERE...

THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT, **NIGHT GIRL!** WITH CLARK KENT WATCHING ME I COULD NEVER GET AWAY!

GLAD TO HELP, **KRYPTON GIRL!** I'VE SWITCHED BACK TO MY **NIGHT GIRL** COSTUME AND LAUNCHED MYSELF TOWARD THE FUTURE WITH A MIGHTY SUPER-LEAP! GOODBYE!

THE NEXT DAY, SURPRISINGLY, **KRYPTON GIRL** INVITES CLARK KENT TO HER FORTRESS...

SOON, AT THE FORTRESS...

HMM... I THINK I'LL TAKE THAT LEAD CAPSULE WITH ME!

RED YPTONITE WHICH TURNED KRYPTON GIRL INTO A FLYING REPTILE

LEAD CAPSULE OF RED KRYPTONITE WHICH HAS NEVER YET AFFECTED KRYPTON GIRL

RED KRYPTONITE WHICH TURNED KRYPTON GIRL INTO A MERMAID

OH-OH! THAT "OTHER" CLARK KENT IS JUST AS TRICKY AS I AM! I'LL BET HE TRIES TO USE THAT **RED K** TO SEE IF IT HAS ANY EFFECT ON **ME** IN MY **OTHER LIFE!**

NEXT DAY, AT THE STUDIO... A CAPSULE OF RED KRYPTONITE DUST IS MISSING FROM MY FORTRESS! CLARK PROBABLY FILCHED IT AND PLANS TO USE IT TO EXPOSE MY IDENTITY! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST BEFORE HE SHOWS UP! I'LL TELL THE BOSS I'M NOT FEELING WELL AND LAY LOW UNTIL I CAN THINK OF A WAY TO AVOID BEING TRAPPED BY CLARK!

MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY ALLEY, CLARK PUTS THE FINAL TOUCHES ON A CLEVER PLOT...
MY PLAN CAN'T MISS! I'LL DUST THIS RED K I TOOK FROM THE FORTRESS OVER MY SANTA COSTUME AND PARK MYSELF NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE TV STATION WHERE LOIS WILL BE FORCED TO PASS ME! IF THAT RED K AFFECTS HER, IT WILL PROVE SHE'S KRYPTON GIRL!

BUT AS LOIS LEAVES FOR HER APARTMENT... THEY'RE STARTING THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS EARLY THIS YEAR! I'LL DO MY BIT WITH A CONTRIBUTION!
HA! LOIS GOT A GOOD DOSE OF THAT RED KRYPTONITE DUST! IT SHOULD TAKE EFFECT WITHIN AN HOUR!
METROPOLIS CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS FOR CHARITY KEEP THE POT BOILING

MOMENTS LATER, DOWN THE STREET...
I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING! WHY SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT THAT RED K? I PREPARED A SPECIAL LEAD-GLASS BOOTH BACK AT THE STUDIO FOR JUST SUCH EMERGENCIES! I'LL BE SAFE IN THERE EVEN IF CLARK DOES SHOW UP WITH THAT RED K!

SHORTLY, AS LOIS BROADCASTS A STORY-TIME HOUR FOR THE KIDDIES...
SO THE WICKED GIANT CHASED JACK DOWN THE BEANSTALK...
OH-OH! THAT TINGLING! SOMEHOW RED K AFFECTED ME IN SPITE OF THIS LEAD-GLASS BOOTH! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE ITS EFFECTS REVEAL I'M KRYPTON GIRL!

NEXT MOMENT...
CLARK! HE'S SNEAKING OUT! AHA! THAT SANTA CLAUS SUIT EXPLAINS THE GUILTY LOOK ON HIS FACE! MY MICROSCOPIC VISION SHOWS IT'S DUSTED WITH RED K!

CLARK'S GONE **TOO FAR** THIS TIME! I'LL FIX HIM WITH THIS **PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR!** BUT FIRST, I'LL SWITCH TO **KRYPTON GIRL!**

AS LOIS PURSUES CLARK INTO THE STREET, THE **RED K** EFFECT ENLARGES HER, HER COSTUME, AND THE PROJECTOR!

I EXPOSED LOIS TO **RED KRYPTONITE**, AND **YOU'VE** TURNED INTO A **GIANTESS!** THAT PROVES YOU'RE **KRYPTON GIRL!**

YES, CLARK...

...I WAS THINKING ABOUT A WICKED GIANT, SO THE **RED K** TURNED **ME** INTO A WICKED GIANTESS! NOW I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'LL NEVER PESTER ME AGAIN...I'LL PROJECT YOU INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE** FOREVER!

NO! NO! YAAHHHH!

AS LOIS TURNS OFF THE COMPUTER WHICH PREDICTED THE OTHER LIFE **SHE** MIGHT HAVE LED IF **SHE** WERE SUPER...

CLARK GOT JUST WHAT HE DESERVED WHEN HE WAS SENT TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE!** IT SERVES HIM RIGHT FOR INTERFERING WITH MY CAREER AS **KRYPTON GIRL!**

WAIT! WHAT CAREER? WHAT I SAW WERE JUST **IMAGINARY** EVENTS THAT COULD ONLY HAVE HAPPENED IF I WERE SUPER! CLARK'S ACTIONS WERE NO WORSE THAN MY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TOWARD **HIM** IN REAL LIFE! HMM...IF CLARK **IS SUPERMAN**, THEN I'M HINDERING HIS CAREER BY TRYING TO UNCOVER HIS SECRET IDENTITY...WHAT A HEEL I'VE BEEN!

AND SO, THE NEXT DAY, AS CLARK KENT LEAVES ON AN ASSIGNMENT...

SO YOU'RE LEAVING FOR A FEW DAYS ON A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, EH? HAVE A NICE TRIP, CLARK!

GOODBYE, LOIS!

HMM...THAT'S ODD! LOIS IS **ALWAYS** PRYING INTO MY ASSIGNMENTS, HOPING TO PROVE I'M **SUPERMAN!** **NOW** SHE SHOWS NO CURIOSITY AT ALL! I DON'T GET IT!

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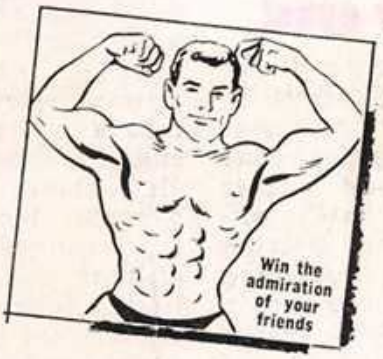

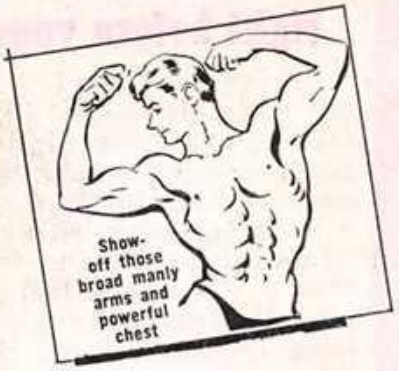

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